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## IT OUGHT TO BE CLEARED OUT.

The City Sewerage Department Long a Stench in the Nostrils of the Citizens.

The Main Object of Its Existence Is the Maintenance of Non-partisan Pap-suckers.

The Sewers Are Hardly Ever Cleaned, but Whole Families Are Quartered on the Rolls.

From 1890 to 1893 No North Side Sewers Were Flushed Until the City Council Spoke.

For twenty years the City Sewerage Department has been a close corporation. For twenty years the 350 cormorants who fill up its roster have been Democrats when the Democrats were in power, and Republicans when the Republicans were in. But their personnel was the same. And at no time have they been efficient public servants. Whole families are employed in this department, and the attempt of any administration to inject fresh blood into the outfit has been resented as an unwarranted intrusion. The poorest sewers in America have been built by it, and the inspectors at work there have been appointed or discharged as they favored this or that contractor or this or that make of brick.

The sewers have never been properly flushed. Hence the city has been a prey for years to epidemics of scarlet fever and typhoid fever, and now there is an epidemic of small-pox.

The alleged "Health Departments" have never interested themselves about the sewerage, but contented themselves for years with violent attempts to draw salaries and suppress the smoke nuisance at the same time.

During 1891 not a sewer was flushed on the whole North Side, and that division of the city was devastated by typhoid fever as a consequence.

So awful were the consequences of this neglect that Alderman Austin O. Sexton, of the Twenty-fifth Ward, in the winter of 1892-93 introduced a series of resolutions in the City Council reciting these terrible facts and ordering the North Side sewers flushed. The resolutions were unanimously adopted. But the sewerage department is not much better today. The same gang permeates it from top to bottom. It is doubtful whether there is a single competent man connected with the outfit from top to bottom. Children have grown up to places in it because their fathers hold jobs in it. The sewerage office is a family affair. It is a fraud upon the taxpayers. Mayor Hopkins should clean it out from top to bottom. If he does not the Sewerage Department as at present managed will bring the cholera here as it has brought other epidemics.

The Union Veterans Club has endorsed Col. Farlin Q. Hall for County Judge. F. W. C. Hayes, of the Thirty-second Ward and ex-Sheriff Matson are also talked of as candidates for County Judge. So is Attorney Carter of the Drainage Board.

The friends in Chicago of Edward L. Merritt, of Springfield, were gratified to hear last Tuesday of his nomination for the third time on the Democratic ticket to represent the people of Sangamon County in the General Assembly. The compliment, conveyed by a practically unanimous nomination, was entirely deserved. During the last two sessions of the

Legislature Mr. Merritt has proved to be a faithful and capable representative. He has carefully looked after the interests of his immediate constituents, but his fidelity to Sangamon County has not interfered with his duty to the people of the entire State. His election will follow his present nomination as a matter of course.

Eighteenth Ward Democrats met Friday evening at Fitzgerald's Hall and organized the "Eighteenth Ward Jefferson Club." Officers were elected as follows:

President—William Fitzgerald.  
Vice President—J. M. Moynihan.  
Secretary—Mark J. Sullivan.  
Assistant Secretary—George W. Callahan.  
Financial Secretary—Charles Kelley.  
Treasurer—James Glynor.  
Sub-Treasurer—Ed Murray.

Constitution and by-laws have been adopted and a charter will be secured.

At the present writing it looks very much as if S. W. Riderburg would be the Republican nominee for County Clerk. He is one of the most popular Swedish-Americans in Chicago and a West Side man. He is capable and popular, and the labor people are with him to a man. Mr. Riderburg has been endorsed by many societies and is said to have a number of ward delegations pledged to his support. The Republican party fully realize that it is essential to their success to recognize the Swedish nationality this fall, and as Mr. Riderburg is their unanimous choice it is more than likely that the mantle will fall on his sturdy shoulders. Many prominent Republican leaders are outspoken in Mr. Riderburg's behalf, and his prospects for being the nominee of his party are exceedingly bright.

Attorney General Moloney has presented a petition in Judge Windes' court for leave to file an information in five days in the quo warranto proceedings against the Chicago Gas Company.

Ex-Governor Fifer has at last obtained an office that fits him. He is a delegate to the State convention.

Hon. James A. O'Connell, the popular ex-County Commissioner, will most certainly be renominated this fall. Mr. O'Connell was one of the ablest members of the board—pains-taking and honest. He should be renominated unanimously, as his name will add a tower of strength to the ticket on account of his strict integrity and well-known popularity.

The voters of the Second Ward saw fit to turn down Leopold Moss, a capable and clean business man, for Alderman, and now note Mr. Ballard, whom they sent to the Council, voting for the overhead trolley. It must be gratifying to the decent citizens who elected Mr. Ballard to see him herding with the gang and helping them to earn their money without touching the dirty dollars himself. But we ask again, How does

that pillar of the church, leading citizen and moral public servant square it with his conscience? Or does conscience go out of the window when political ambition comes in at the door?

Mr. A. J. Sabath, the well-known real estate man and prominent Bohemian Democrat of the Ninth Ward, is much talked of for County Commissioner this fall. Mr. Sabath is certainly deserving of recognition from the party, as he is an indefatigable worker and generous contributor at all times for his party's success. Mr. Sabath is brainy and capable, and would make an excellent member of the Board.

Mr. Marks Swarts, the great iron merchant and prominent Hebrew Democrat, is talked of for President of the County Board. Mr. Swarts has not, however, expressed a desire to be the nominee, and it is not known that he would accept the nomination, as it is doubtful if he could spare the time from his business, which is very large throughout the city and country.

The Young Men's Fourteenth Ward Republican Club has endorsed the candidacy of W. E. Mason for the United States Senate.

Ex-Ald. Tripp has moved from the Twenty-second to the Twenty-first Ward; M. B. McAbee has removed from the Twenty-fourth to the Thirty-fourth Ward; Commissioner Gahan has removed from the Twenty-ninth to the Thirty-second Ward.

Although it is very early to make predictions about the probabilities of the Senatorial race in Illinois, the news that keeps filtering in through the country press, says a Republican daily, seems to show a growing feeling for William E. Mason. The party in the western part of the State is considering the different candidates very closely, and as a result the Quincy delegation to the State convention will probably be instructed for Mason. The campaign promises to be one of the most good-tempered ones ever fought out in Illinois. The candidates so far in the field have not alone a genuine respect for each other, but are warm personal friends, and if the convention decides upon an instruction, as it probably will, there will be no heartaches and no sulking on either side. Cook County is naturally warmly interested in the result, and her example is having its effect throughout the commonwealth; but others are working also, and, while Mason is un-

doubtedly far in the lead to-day for the instruction, his friends will relax no effort nor accept any chance of defeat up to the day the convention opens.

It is reported that Nat Oppenheimer is booked to succeed "Windy" Jenkins in the grain inspector's office.

Lieutenant Commander B. M. Shaffner Tuesday evening entertained the officers of the First Battalion Illinois Naval Militia, at his home, No. 397 Schiller street. During the evening supper was served and there was dancing. Among those present were:

Lieutenant and Mrs. William J. Wilson.	Proseuter, Kraus.
Measurers—	
L. A. Richardson.	Smith, Hawley.
Waterman, Jerome.	General Alfred Orendorf, H. A. Wheeler.
Colonel L. T. Steward.	Lieutenant Commander E. M. Seelman.
Lieutenants—	
R. B. Switzer.	Herbert McNulty.
F. H. Kochersperger.	Arthur Dorale.
W. M. Robinson.	H. A. Allen.
H. L. Watt.	John R. Eldred.
John A. Ussell.	Henry W. Parker.
Ensigns—	
P. J. Postine.	S. B. Haldane.
William J. Hine.	C. B. Wilmarth.
J. B. Marshall.	W. H. Kirkland.
George F. Jewett.	C. B. Shaffner.

Bob McDonald, one of the Deputy Sheriffs, has entered the race for the Republican nomination for Probate Clerk. He will have the support of the delegation from the Third Ward, in which he lives.

Obituary.

Edgar E. S. Eagle, of the firm of H. R. Eagle & Co., was buried Sunday at Calvary. At 10 o'clock solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated in Holy Name Cathedral by Rev. Father Walter Elliott, of the Paulist Fathers, New York, an uncle of the deceased. Rev. Hugh McGuire, of St. James' Church, and Rev. Father Henneberry assisted as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Chancellor of the diocese, preached the funeral sermon. Within the sanctuary were seated twenty-one priests from Chicago and other cities. Mass was sung by a full choir and the regular cathedral quartet. Delegations from the Catholic Benevolent Legion, National Union, Royal League, Columbus Club, Visitation and Aid Society and the Union Catholic Library Association, of which Mr. Eagle had been a member, occupied reserved pews in front of the altar. Twenty pews were reserved for the employees of H. R. Eagle & Co. The Cook County Cabinet of the National Union sent a large

American flag in flowers. The Common Council of the National Union contributed a pillow. Other prominent floral pieces were from the National Union Building Association and the Haven Council of the Royal League. The active pallbearers were W. F. McLaughlin, W. J. Onahan, John C. Carroll, W. A. Amberg, C. A. Paltzer, M. St. P. Thomas, Charles Majr, and William Eagle. The honorary pallbearers were George W. Dexter, M. R. Doty, William McD. Wilson, George Forester, F. Scott, E. N. Gage, F. Fairman and L. H. Canham.

DEATH OF PERRY HULL'S SON.  
Perry A. Hull, Jr., the 3-year-old son of Perry A. Hull, the South Side lawyer and politician, died a little before noon Sunday from concussion of the brain.

Friday evening the child stumbled while playing, striking his left temple on a heavy desk, and Saturday he suffered from serious and frequent convulsions. Death was so sudden and unexpected that the real condition of the child could not be ascertained. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock Monday from the parents' home, 3221 South Park avenue.

One of the latest chemical discoveries is a method for the artificial production of petroleum. The process is simple and effective. It is the distillation of animal fats and oils at a temperature of 300 to 400 degrees Centigrade at a pressure of twenty-five atmospheres in a strong iron vessel. About 70 per cent. of the fatty matter is transformed into petroleum, this being 90 per cent. of the theoretical yield. The discovery is not of any commercial importance up to date, as the artificial product costs a great deal more than the natural product of the rock. But for aught any one is justified in saying to the contrary all this may be changed within the next few years by the use of cheaper basic material, or because of the increasing scarcity of petroleum, or both. The matter, in any event, is one of great scientific interest. It tends to show how the natural article has been produced by the processes of nature, while it may prove to be the starting point in an investigation that will lead up to other discoveries having a more practical bearing.

BROOKLYN is just now a good place to move from. Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe has examined the Brooklyn water supply and finds that it contains twenty-eight kinds of live animals and eighty-four species of vegetables. In the list are algae, diatoms, desmids, rhizopods, rotifers, and infusoria of many species. That's a pretty kettle of fish to set before a town like Brooklyn.

## COL. NOONAN FOR CONGRESS.

Great Outpouring of His Friends in the Fifth Congressional District on Wednesday Night.

He Will Make a Red Hot Race, as He Is a Born Fighter.

Great Outcry Against West Park Commissioner E. Z. Brodowski—His Methods Are Strongly Denounced.

Probability that the Governor Will Remove the Fellow When He Returns to Springfield.

Senator Noonan formally opened his canvass for Congress in the Fifth District Wednesday evening by a reception at his residence on Washington boulevard. The district consists of the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards, and the Democrats claim it by a majority of about 1,000. The Republicans, however, think they can win out in the district.

Col. Noonan's principal competitor for the Democratic nomination will be Congressman Durbin, who, like Noonan, resides in the Eleventh Ward. Durbin is serving a third term, and Noonan thinks three terms is enough and that he is in the line of promotion. Mr. Durbin, however, thinks he deserves a fourth term. The Republicans talk of nominating George E. White, Frank Riddle or Fred S. Baird. Either would give Noonan or Durbin a lively race. Among those at the reception were: Park Commissioners Townsend and Graham, ex-Judge Prendergast, Roger C. Sullivan, Supervisor Kilerane, Ald. Knowles, Ald. Kunz, Peter Klobbass, Ald. Brennan, Ald. Mahoney, Ald. O'Connor, Paul Dasso and Stephen Griffin.

Gov. Altgeld should remove E. Z. Brodowski from the West Park Board. If one-half the reports that are circulated about this fellow are true, he is unfit to be a Park Commissioner. Aided by Brodowski's vote the Republicans run the West Park system. But this isn't the worst of it. A number of other things happen through Brodowski's vote, which will cause a sensation when known. Seven members of the Democratic committee from the West Division called on John W. Lanehart, as Gov. Altgeld's representative, Saturday, and urged a radical change in the constitution of the West Park Board. Thomas Cusack, Ald. Brennan, Patrick McCarthy, Thomas Fitzgerald, and others of the delegation complained that the patronage was exercised in the interest of cliques and family parties, and urged that one of the commissioners from the southwest section and one from the northwest section be removed to make room for better Democrats. Mr. Lanehart said he would communicate the wishes of the deputation to the Governor. Complaint was also made about the Grain Inspector's office. The West Park Board and the grain inspection office therefore are likely to be shaken up when Gov. Altgeld gets back to Springfield.

A new Richmond has been brought out for the Republican nomination for County Judge, in the person of that able West Side jurist, Justice Jarvis Blume. His eminent fitness is recognized and that he would be a strong candidate goes without contradiction. Influential and leading Republicans from the Twelfth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and several other wards insist that Judge Blume's name shall be presented to the convention. It is claimed that if he

allows the use of his name the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Ward delegations will be solid for him, and his intimate friend John M. Smyth can be counted on to bring in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards. Judge Blume is in the front rank of Chicago's ablest attorneys, and his friends throughout the city and county are legion. If nominated he would be a hard man to beat.

L. W. Whalen, the well-known and popular Fifteenth Ward Democrat, proposes that the Fifteenth Ward shall do its duty this fall by rolling up a good round majority for the Democratic county ticket. He has effected a precinct organization—numbering five from each precinct—and the organization already numbers nearly 1,500 members—it will be 3,000 strong by election day. This kind of work is to be commended and always adds success to its laurels.

George Edmanson will undoubtedly be the next Democratic nominee for Sheriff. He has never been defeated, and runs like a whirlwind with the people.

George Struckman, President of the County Board, and all the present Republican commissioners are candidates for re-election. There are other aspirants for these places, but it is understood that the incumbents have formed a combination which insures their renomination.

Hon. J. A. Quinlan, of Waukegan, one of the most popular Democrats in Northern Illinois, will succeed John Donnelly as the minority member of the Legislature from the Eighth Senatorial District. The delegates of the district met at Woodstock April 14 and instructed unanimously for Mr. Quinlan. He is in the real estate and insurance business. Mr. Quinlan will prove a capable and useful member of the Assembly.

At the request of Chairman Smyth, the following notice was sent out Wednesday to the members of the Republican County Committee:

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS, No. 118 MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, April 25.—Dear Sir: There will be a meeting of the Republican County Central Committee held at Republican headquarters, No. 118 Madison street, Saturday next, April 29, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of arranging for a county convention to select delegates to the coming State Convention. Please be punctual. I am, sir, very respectfully,

JAMES B. VAN CLEAVE, Secretary.

It is probable the date of the convention will be Saturday, May 12, or Saturday, May 19. Under the terms of the notice the question of fixing the date for the convention which is to nominate county officers cannot be considered. But it is probable a resolution will be presented urging early nominations. The purpose in calling the convention to select delegates to the State convention in May is to help the candidacy of Henry Wulff for State Treasurer. He will probably get the endorsement of Cook county, and that will give him a boom throughout the State.